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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the related applications that were previously filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The previously filed applications that are related to the above-identified application are U.S. Patent Application No. 09/481,552, filed January 11, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,703,236 B2, U.S. Patent Application No. 08/422,740, filed April 14, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,015,534, U.S. Patent Application No. 08/201,859, filed March 8, 1994, abandoned, U.S. Patent Application No. 07/871,264, filed April 20, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,475,610, U.S. Patent Application No. 07/620,606, filed November 29, 1990, abandoned, and U.S. Patent Application No. 07/670,545, filed March 14, 1991, abandoned.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after expiration of the three-month period following filing of the above-captioned application and prior to issuance of a first official action on the merits.

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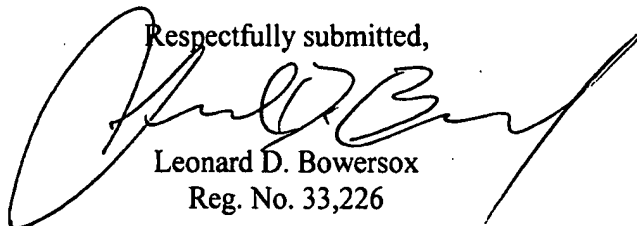
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The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. *See* 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists.

It is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing. However, if it is determined that a petition or fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 50-0925 and please consider this a petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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